

**Zoning Board
Goshen, NH
Minutes of February 10, 2021**

Attendance (*quorum* = 3): Alicea Bursey (Chair), Ray Porter (Vice-Chair), Judy Dunn, and Ron Parenteau

Guest (s): Shaun Carroll, Jr., Kathy Carroll, and Jeff Stocker

Meeting called to order at 7:01pm

Broadband Internet Update

Chair Bursey provided the board with an update on the Broadband Internet progress. Two informational sessions have been held and so far, no concerns from the public have been made other than questions that were answered during the sessions. The presentation slides, public benefit document, and frequently asked questions documents are available on the town website.

The bond passed unanimously by the Budget Committee (10-0) on 2/3/21 and The Board of Selectmen voted to recommend the bond (also unanimously, 2-0, one member not currently in rotation). The next step in the Broadband process is the Town Meeting (3/13) and the bond funding application.

Additional Broadband Internet Updates

Judy Dunn gave an update on her findings regarding additional funding sources. At this time there may not be an advantage to pursuing additional funding avenues as it may complicate the bonding process and alternative funding that would cover the full amount has not been found. Judy will continue to keep the board updated as her research continues.

Chair Bursey noted that RDOF/FCC auctions have been the topic of recent discussions as federal funds could possibly remove the need for any bonding. However, it was noted that under this opportunity it could take up to six (6) to eight (8) years for Broadband to be fully available in Goshen. The FCC auction website offers more detail on this.

The board remains committed to finding alternative funding sources and will continue to post updates as they become available.

Review of Minutes from January 13, 2021

The board reviewed the January 13th minutes.

Judy Dunn motioned to accept the minutes from January 13, 2021 'as is'. Ray Porter seconded the motion. All were in favor, minutes approved.

Review of Recusal Procedures

Chair Bursey reviewed the rules and regulations regarding recusing oneself from the voting and discussion making process. Chair Bursey noted that we are a small community, and we may be called to serve our friends or those we work with. Chair Bursey shared her own connections and further stated that she felt there would be no conflict in following the regulations and ordinances of Goshen.

Special Exception – Preliminary Review (Newport Sand & Gravel/Anderson Pit)

Ray Porter recused himself from any voting or discussion that will take place regarding the Special Exception for Anderson Pit of Newport Sand and Gravel. Mr. Porter will remain in the general Public while the board discusses this topic.

Chair Bursey explained that according to the Excavation Regulations and Zoning and Building Ordinances, Newport Sand and Gravel must acquire a Special Exception from the Zoning Board for phase three in the Anderson Pit. Chair Bursey noted that Special Exceptions had been obtained in accordance with Goshen Ordinances and Regulations for Phase I and Phase II previously. The Special Exception must be obtained as part of the excavation permitting process that will be reviewed by the Planning Board. Mr. Shaun Carroll, Jr. gave a presentation on what phase three will look like, its location, length of viability, an update on phase two, and walked the board through the plats. He stated that they are currently in phase two and reclaiming as they complete work. Mr. Carroll, Jr. pointed out on the plats presented where the new excavation site will be located and noted that the entrance to this new phase will remain the same (Route 10).

Judy Dunn asked if traffic patterns would be changing. Mr. Carroll, Jr. said, “no”, everything will be remaining the same. “No additional days will be added to the schedule and traffic patterns should remain the same [exiting and entering the site on to the state road, Route 10].”

Some discussion was had regarding the amount of years phase three would take to complete. Mr. Carroll, Jr. believes it could be anywhere from three to five years, this is demand dependent.

The board discussed the process and requirements that will need to be met for a Special Exception and agreed to have further discussion regarding this topic.

Chair Bursey noted that the Planning Board will be working on their respective timeline to review the excavation application for the phase three permitting.

Ron Parenteau motioned to have a combined meeting with the Planning Board on February 18, 2021 to discuss the Special Exception of Anderson Pit, Phase III. Judy Dunn seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Today’s meeting is a preliminary review, and the board will continue to review the material presented at the combined meeting with the Planning Board on February 18, 2021. No further actions were made at this time.

Ray Porter rejoined the board.

Membership Discussion - Update

Additional alternates are still needed for the Zoning Board of Adjustments. If anyone is interested in becoming a member, please stop by a meeting on the second Wednesday of any month. This will remain a standing item until filled.

Other Business

- The next regular meeting will be the second Wednesday of March - March 10, 2021.
- **Combined Meeting:** A combined special meeting with the Planning Board will be scheduled for February 18, 2021 at 7:00 P.M. to discuss a Special Exception and Permit Application for Phase 3 of the Anderson Pit of Newport Sand and Gravel.
- **Additional Condensed Meeting Schedule:** There was a discussion on whether a condensed meeting schedule combining meetings with the Planning Board for the Grant proposal would be needed and how that would appear. The board discussed a proposed set of combined weekly meetings with the Zoning Board and the Planning Board. It was decided that an overly condensed meeting schedule may give the appearance of favoritism and should be conducted with caution and under reasonable circumstances. After review of the Grant proposal, it was determined the ZBA would likely not need to be involved and combined meetings would not be needed. Meetings will remain as scheduled. No further actions were made at this time.
- **Special Exception versus Special Exemption Review:** The board discussed the process of approving a Special Exception versus a Special Exemption and Ray Porter agreed to give a review of both processes to the board during the next meeting.
- **Town Meeting:** The annual Town meeting will be Saturday, March 13, 2021. Voting will occur on the Tuesday before, March 9, 2021.

Standing Items:

- Broadband Internet Discussion - Update
- Special Exception - Newport Sand & Gravel
- Regulation Discussion - high density dwellings (pending until all members are present)
- Member Discussion - seeking alternates and full-time members (ongoing)

Ray Porter made a motion to adjourn. Ron Parenteau seconded the motion. All were in favor; meeting adjourned at 8:05pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Melissa Salinardi
Recording Secretary